Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 06 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 06 Dec 2024 at 03:40

Confidence: High for unsettled and very windy conditions associated with Storm Darragh on Saturday, and for an improvement from Sunday onwards. However, medium for the transitional detail and timing and location of the worst of the conditions.

Headline for Friday 06 Dec 2024: Dry and fine to start, then turning increasingly wet and then windy as Storm Darragh arrives later.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 06 Dec 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	10%	80%	90%	70%

Forecast for Friday 06 Dec 2024

Weather: A dry start with clear then sunny spells, although cloud will quickly increase from the west this morning. Outbreaks of rain will arrive by mid-afternoon, with the rain becoming persistent and often heavy this evening. Light winds to start the day, but strengthening to gale-force late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 90% or more this morning, decreasing to 20% from mid to late afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Some patchy cloud may briefly cover summits above 700m first thing, but cloud will lift and break up after dawn. Cloud lowers this afternoon, becoming widespread cloud around 500m by mid-afternoon, and dropping to around 300m this evening. Very good visibility this morning, but becoming poor or very poor in low cloud and heavy rain later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	18/25 NW	9/14 W	12/16 S	27/35 S	33/43 S	35/47 SW	39/54 SW
300	8/19 W	6/12 SW	7/14 S	10/24 S	20/40 S	21/43 SW	25/49 SW
Valley	8/20 W	5/12 SW	5/12 S	6/18 S	16/37 S	18/41 SW	22/47 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-3	3/-1	3/-1	3/-4	5/-2	8/3	6/-0
300	4/2	4/2	6/4	5/2	6/2	10/7	8/4
Valley	5/2	4/2	7/5	6/4	7/3	11/8	9/5
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	800m	1000m	2300m	2300m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Conditions will deteriorate as Storm Darragh arrives from the west. Strong winds late afternoon onwards will make for fairly arduous walking on exposed terrain with buffeting. Heavy and persistent rain will also lead to slippery surfaces and localised flooding of routes. The combination of strong winds, low cloud and rain will give a significant wind chill.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Fri 06 Dec 2024	25.4mm	45.6mm	45.8mm

Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Weather: Storm Darragh continues to bring gale-force, at times storm-force, winds, with multiple weather warnings in force. Heavy and persistent rain continues through the morning, with sleet likely over the highest summits. The rain becomes more showery in nature with drier interludes through the afternoon. Then becoming mostly dry through the evening. There will be a significant windchill.

Maximum wind: West becoming northwest 40-50 mph and gusts 50-60mph. Gusts of 70 mph possible at the summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 20% in the morning, but increasing to 90% into the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Overcast low cloud with bases 300m will persist through much of the morning. Cloud will gradually lift and break, with bases above all summits into the afternoon. Poor or very poor visibility initially in low cloud and heavy rain, but increasing through the afternoon, although briefly dropping to poor in any heavy showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 Celsius, decreasing through the day to Plus 6 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 6 Celsius, quickly decreasing to Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Freezing level falling to between 800-1000m.

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